

major expansion in 2017, adding two new warehouse buildings and seven additional employees to the company's existing 70 employees.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Sutrak for this well-deserved recognition by Commerce City.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 1, 2018

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for the following Roll Call votes. I would like to reflect how I would have voted, had I been present.

Had I been present, I would have voted the following: "YEA" on Roll Call No. 81; "YEA" on Roll Call No. 82; "NAY" on Roll Call No. 83; "NAY" on Roll Call No. 84; "NAY" on Roll Call No. 85; "NAY" on Roll Call No. 86; "NAY" on Roll Call No. 87; "YEA" on Roll Call No. 88; "NAY" on Roll Call No. 89; "NAY" on Roll Call No. 90; and "YEA" on Roll Call No. 91.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 1, 2018

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, on February 27, 2018, I missed a series of Roll Call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "YEA" on Roll Call votes No. 83, No. 84, No. 85, No. 86, and No. 87.

GEORGE T. SANDERS COMPANY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 1, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud the George T. Sanders Company for receiving the 2018 Commerce City Business on the Move Award.

The Business on the Move Award recognizes businesses bringing new employment, growth in sales, or new capital investment to Commerce City. The George T. Sanders Company is Colorado's largest independent distributor of plumbing and heating supplies and services the plumbing, heating, and HVAC trades as well as the general public and can accommodate plumbing and heating projects for residential dwellings or large commercial buildings. Last year, George T. Sanders Company built a new, 76,000 square-foot facility in Commerce City, which brought 25 new jobs to the city adding to their 16 existing locations throughout Colorado and in Wyoming.

I extend my deepest congratulations to the George T. Sanders Company for this well-deserved recognition by Commerce City.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE VICTIMS OF THE SUMGAI POGROMS

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 1, 2018

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the Sumgai pogroms, one of the most horrific attacks against the Armenian people committed at the hands of Azerbaijanis.

On February 27, 1988, up to 200 Armenian civilians living in the city of Sumgai in Azerbaijan were indiscriminately killed, raped, maimed, and even burned alive for no reason other than their ethnicity. This senseless violence was instigated by hostile, anti-Armenian rhetoric from Azerbaijani citizens and officials against these innocent individuals.

For three decades, Azerbaijan has taken steps to cover up these crimes against humanity and dismiss the atrocities at Sumgai. Even more disturbing is that perpetrators of these events and similar violent attacks have since been lauded as national heroes.

I condemn these horrific attacks. Tragically, the Azerbaijani government's approach toward the Armenian people has not changed much since these attacks were perpetrated. In 2018, we hear the same violent rhetoric and witness the intimidation tactics by the Azerbaijani government against the people of Nagorno Karabakh.

If we do not condemn crimes against humanity, we only strengthen the resolve of those seeking to perpetrate these crimes in the future. The Armenian people have known this for too long, as we prepare to commemorate the 103rd Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide in April.

I will continue to work with my colleagues on the Congressional Armenian Issues Caucus to remember the victims of the pogroms at Sumgai and to condemn all acts of violence against people who are targeted simply because of their existence. I hope my colleagues will join me in rejecting violent rhetoric and intimidation by renewing our commitment to achieving a collective and lasting peace.

TRIBUTE TO JUDGE JOHN HODGES BENTLEY

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 1, 2018

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize and honor Judge John Hodges Bentley on the occasion of his retirement as Circuit Judge of the 25th Judicial Circuit of Alabama. I am proud to recognize Judge Bentley for his many years of public service on the bench and the practice of law. He is truly a man who embodies the American principles of hard work and devotion to one's community, state and nation.

Judge Bentley is a native of Kinston, North Carolina. After graduating from Grainger High School, he was appointed to the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York where he graduated in 1972 and was commissioned into the infantry. While in the Army, Judge Bentley served five years on active duty

commanding various infantry units on the East German-Czech Border during the Cold War. He finished out his active duty Army career as an instructor in the Leadership Department at Ft. Benning, Georgia.

Once out of the Army, Judge Bentley attended the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama, and graduated in 1980. He practiced law for twenty-two years in Birmingham and Hamilton, Alabama, many of those years serving as the City Attorney for the City of Hamilton. In 2002, he was appointed to the bench as Circuit Judge of the 25th Judicial Circuit serving Marion and Winston Counties. Judge Bentley served in this capacity until his retirement on January 15, 2018.

Judge Bentley is a member of the Hamilton First United Methodist Church and has served as both Lay Leader and Sunday School Teacher. Furthermore, he has served on the Board of Directors of the Alabama Emmaus Community. He is also one of the founders of the Weldy Home, an emergency shelter for abused, abandoned and neglected children.

He is married to Judy Sandlin Bentley, and they have two children, Carrie and Samuel, and four grandchildren, Lydia, William, Caroline and Jonathan.

Judge Bentley is very respected by the people of Marion and Winston Counties for his honesty and dedication, and I am proud to call him my friend.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege to honor Judge John Hodges Bentley on his many accomplishments and for his enduring impact on his community, state and nation. I join his family, friends and colleagues in wishing him God's richest blessings as he enters the next chapter of his life in retirement.

CONGRATULATING IAN KUEHL, STATE CHAMPION IN WRESTLING

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 1, 2018

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ian Kuehl, a student from Lena-Winslow High School, for earning the Class 1 A wrestling title for the Illinois State Championship in the 285lb weight class.

Ian Kuehl pinned his opponent in 3 minutes 25 seconds to claim his title as state champion, and I would like to recognize Ian for his tremendous accomplishment. Ian's dedication and passion for his sport meant that he was determined to win gold. As a former athlete, I understand the amount of hard work and commitment that goes into being awarded such a title. Ian's title demonstrates the value of dedication and a strong work ethic. I am proud there is such young talent in our community, and to see him represent Lena throughout the state.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Ian Kuehl on his title, and I join the rest of the community in wishing him every success in the future.

CELEBRATING THE
CONTRIBUTIONS OF ARIZONA PBS

HON. RUBEN GALLEGO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 1, 2018

Mr. GALLEGO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the outstanding contributions made by Arizona PBS and to celebrate its long history of service to the children of the City of Phoenix and the State of Arizona.

Arizona PBS is dedicated to supporting students, families and educators with content focused on national, common core and state standards.

Since 2010, the Arizona PBS Educational Outreach team has reached nearly 750,000 families and more than 60,000 teachers and teachers-in-training across the state through large-scale events and special community development workshops.

In addition, Arizona PBS provides educational assets through the Arizona PBS LearningMedia online portal in English, Spanish and Navajo, as well as professional development services to help guide individuals into careers in early childhood education.

I am especially grateful for PBS's efforts to help families from diverse backgrounds to prepare their children to enter kindergarten by providing free online apps and games as well as off-screen activities for early learning.

Last month, Arizona PBS launched a 24/7 children's channel, Arizona PBS KIDS, featuring an array of programming to help young children master important skills, ranging from reading and basic math and science to problem solving and emotional skills. This new channel is available over the air and online to educate, entertain and inspire children of all backgrounds across Arizona.

In closing, I want to recognize an event held in my district on February 17, 2018 in which PBS invited children and families to the heart of downtown to celebrate education, community and exploration.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to once again pay tribute to the outstanding work of Arizona PBS in helping to mold the young minds and future leaders of our great state.

L.G. EVERIST, INC.

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 1, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud L.G. Everist, Inc. for receiving the 2018 Commerce City Business of the Year Award.

The Business of the Year Award is given to a Commerce City company with a pioneer spirit that has shown a history of leadership within its industry and the community. L.G. Everist has demonstrated longevity and sustained growth within the Commerce City community for over 26 years and just celebrated its 140th year in business. This family owned company provides construction aggregates, transload/bulk services, dimensional stone, decorative stone, rail services, and water storage. The business has spanned five generations of owners and has employed other several multi-generation families.

In 2016, L.G. Everist expanded its facility and is now well-positioned to accommodate the next phase of growth to meet the growing needs for transloading bulk construction products across the Denver metro region. L.G. Everist values every opportunity to contribute to its community through economic development and enhancing the lives of employees, families, and the community as a whole.

I extend my deepest congratulations to L.G. Everist, Inc. for this well-deserved recognition by Commerce City.

HONORING MARK VAN EYCK

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 1, 2018

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Mark Van Eyck. Mark is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 522, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Mark has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Mark has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Mark has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Mark remodeled a youth area at his church, Harmony Vineyard, in Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Mark for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF FRANCISCO CHARGUALAF
MENO

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 1, 2018

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Francisco C. Meno. Francisco was a proud son of Guam, faithful public servant, and a dear friend. He was born on November 28, 1939 to Felipe Q. and Fidela Chargualaf Meno, and he passed away on February 6, 2018 at the age of 78.

Francisco graduated from George Washington High School and went on to marry the love of his life, Rosa Rivera Meno. Together with Rosa, Francisco cared for his children and provided for his family. He was a member of Guam's greatest generation who survived the occupation of Guam during World War II. Francisco went on to serve our local community as a fire fighter with the Guam Fire Department. He was fondly known as "Chief," served in the Guam Fire Department for thirty years, retiring in 1988 as the department's Fire Chief.

In addition to his career as a fire fighter, Francisco was a skilled carpenter, mason, and fisherman. He was recognized by the Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency as

a Master of Chamorro Tradition as a "Master Kakahat Sagualle" or "Master Hut Builder." Francisco's huts were a part of many special celebrations throughout the island. He also graciously passed on his knowledge of hut building to all those who were willing to learn. Francisco was a firm believer of the need to pass down the traditions and culture of the Chamorro people. He also gave his time and talent to build many things for his village parish of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Inarajan.

Francisco's true passion in life was fishing. Francisco was known as a skilled fisherman and always shared his catch with family and friends. His involvement in village events and service in public safety were testaments of his leadership and commitment to the community of Guam.

I am deeply saddened by the passing of Francisco C. Meno, and my thoughts and prayers are with his family, loved ones and friends. I join the people of Guam in celebrating his life and remembering his many contributions to our island and his village of Inarajan. I extend my condolences to his wife Rosa, their children Frank, Joseph, Rosanne, Kurt, Brian, Dorinda, Melanie, Roderick, Vanessa, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He will be deeply missed, and his memory will live on in the hearts of the people of Guam.

RECOGNIZING MS. KRISTY BAXTER
FOR HER INTERNSHIP WITH THE
UNI-CAPITOL WASHINGTON IN-
TERNSHIP PROGRAMME

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 1, 2018

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exceptional young Australian who is currently interning in my Washington D.C. office. Kristy Baxter came to our office as part of the Uni-Capitol Washington Internship Programme (UCWIP) and has been a valuable contributor to our efforts on behalf of New York's Tenth Congressional District.

UCWIP has worked with congressional offices to foster strong ties and understanding between the United States and Australian governments by bringing the best and the brightest from top Australian universities to intern on Capitol Hill. I am proud to have personally hosted 14 Australians since 2003—each bringing their own unique outlooks on policy and desire to contribute.

Kristy, a student from Deakin University, studying a Bachelor of International Studies, has interned in our office since January and has quickly proved herself to be a highly valuable member of our team. Over the past weeks, it has been a pleasure to see her swiftly develop into an increasingly confident and pro-active individual. Her innate curiosity to learn, matched with her willingness to work hard, saw her tasked with researching Medicare and the healthcare industry, tax havens and financial secrecy as well as attending foreign affairs briefings on difficulties with post-conflict transition in Colombia and the involvement of the U.S. intelligence community in Sudan. Kristy is an exceptionally calm and affable presence in the office and encounters everyone she meets with respect. Through